

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 10th June 2018**

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## **Silent Keys**

It is with the deepest of sympathy that we announce the passing of two ham operators this week, Dr. George Young EI7BZ and also Tony Baker of Cabinteely.

Our thoughts go out to their families and friends at this time.

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## **Echo Ireland - Summer 2018**

The latest edition of the members' journal has now gone to press. It includes lots of updates from clubs around the country, with details of their recent and forthcoming activities. This issue has the first report from our new "HF Happenings" contributor, Don EI6IL. While the HF bands may appear to be "in the doldrums" at present, Don's report shows that a little foresight and perseverance can yield good DX even at times when HF propagation is poor. The impact of the new digital modes, such as FT8, which permit machine-only QSOs, and which have rapidly become popular among some DXers, is examined in a thought-provoking article by Kirk NT0Z; this is well worth reading and will no doubt lead to some lively debates!

The Galway VHF Group hosted the 2018 annual general meeting weekend and this issue of Echo Ireland contains plenty of photos of the weekend's activities. The journal also contains a detailed report on the Galway VHF Group's communications support for the Connemara Ultra Marathon. This is a major event covering an extensive area of mountainous terrain, requiring a number of different communications systems to provide the required coverage.

Other items covered in the the latest Echo Ireland include the popular "Excerpts from the HX files", details of the EIDX group's plans for island activations during the next few months, finishing with another DX Féile weekend on Inis Mór in the Autumn, an updated EI DXCC Listing and draft band plans for consultation for the new 40 MHz and 60 MHz bands now available to EI radio amateur stations.

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## **Next three IRTS Meetings**

A reminder for all affiliated clubs. IRTS would like all affiliated clubs to nominate a member of their club who is also a member of IRTS to act as the club's representative

for this year. Some clubs have already done so. For additional information regarding this role, please make contact with the IRTS Secretary.

IRTS Officers and Club Reps are entitled to attend the monthly IRTS meetings.

Below please find the Date - Time – Venue for the next 3 IRTS Committee Meetings.

Saturday 23rd June 11am Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone.

Saturday 21st July 11am Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise.

Saturday 15th September 11am Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone.

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### **Cork Radio Club**

The Annual General Meeting of Cork Radio Club will be held on Wednesday next, June 13th in the Community Centre, Main Street, Carrigtwohill starting at 8.30pm.

The past year's activities will be reviewed and plans will be finalized for the upcoming summertime activities.

All members are requested to attend. New members will of course be very welcome and anyone with an interest in the hobby in the Cork area is invited to attend.

Contact the club on email at “info /at/ corkradioclub /dot/ ie” or ring 087-6290574.

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### **Shannon Basin Radio Club**

A reminder that the Shannon Basin Radio Club will be operating from The Cavan and Leitrim Railway in Dromod Co. Leitrim on Sunday 17th June as part of the museums on the air weekend. It is open to the public from 13:00 so please come by and say hello. See [www.shannonbasinradioclub.com](http://www.shannonbasinradioclub.com) or [www.cavanandleitrim.com](http://www.cavanandleitrim.com) for directions.

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### **Hungry is back on 60 meters**

The Hungarian telecoms regulator NMHH (The National Media & Infocommunications Authority – Hungary) has published in the Hungarian National Gazette No.7 of 29 May 2018 an update to the National Frequency Allocation table 7/2015 on the use of frequency bands (X1.13), which initiates the WRC-15 Allocation

of 5351.5 to 5366.5 kHz with 15W EIRP maximum power. Previously special 3-month permits were available, allowing 5350-5450 kHz at 100W, but these were discontinued in 2017.

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### **Howth Martello Radio Group**

Are you free next weekend? Ye Olde Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Vintage Radio will take part in the International Museums Weekend event on Saturday and Sunday 16th and 17th of June from the Martello Tower in Howth using the callsign EI0MAR. Visitors are welcome to come along and particularly welcome are volunteer operators on CW or SSB. If interested in operating please send details of when you would be available to “ei0mar /at/ eircom /dot/ net”.

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### **IECRO Radio Club - EI0IPN**

License examination training classes run by the IECRO Radio Club will begin shortly in Mullingar. The aim of the clubs training programme is to ensure that examination candidates have both a very high level of knowledge relating to all aspects of the exam syllabus and plenty of practical experience. A good number of candidates have already signed up. To enquire or to book a place, contact can be made via email to “info /dot/ iecro /at/ gmail /dot/ com”. Anyone who has already emailed the club and received a confirmation reply, will be notified of the start date.

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### **EIDX Group**

Using the 'Echo Juliet' prefix, EJ0DXG will be QRV from IOTA EU-006, EU-007, EU-103 and EU-121 this summer.

Starting off with 'Little Saltee Island' EU-103 on June 15/16/17/18th....the group will be QRV on HF and 6m bands using CW, SSB and Digital modes.

More information can be found on their Facebook page, just search for Irish Islands IOTA Tour 2018.

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### **DX News**

Pasi OH3WS will be active as OJ0W from Market Reef until 16th June. This will be a 'spare time' operation and he will be on 40 – 6m. QSL to the home call.

Marcel OK2QQ will sign SV5/OK2QQ from the Dodecanese Islands from 12th – 22nd June. He will be on the islands of Kalymnos and Telendos using CW, SSB and FM on all bands 40 – 2m. QSL via home call and he will also upload his log to Logbook of The World.

Nobby G0VJG will be QRV as J3/G0VJG on the island of Grenada from 14th – 28th June. He will operate mainly on SSB and his QSL manager is G4DFI.

Nobuaki JA0JHQ will be active as 3W9NH from Vietnam from 14th – 18th June. He will be mainly on CW and FT8. QSL to his home call.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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